

House Resolution No. 1238

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have demonstrated true leadership and selfless service in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Bee Payne-Stewart of Springfield has developed and maintained an exceptional reputation as a tireless volunteer, superior role model, and believer in grassroots advocacy who has helped people find their voice in society; and

Whereas, the first woman president of the Springfield Park Board, Bee Payne-Stewart is a founding member of the League of Women Voters of Springfield-Greene County, a founder of the Family Violence Center, and a steering committee member of Missouri for Fair Elections; and

Whereas, Bee Payne-Stewart has emerged as an invaluable mentor to young people, an organizer, and a donor who is generous with her time, financial support, encouragement, and the sharing of her experiences; and

Whereas, Bee Payne-Stewart brings a fabulous sense of humor to pep rallies and meetings and provides an individualized leadership model as a person who the Springfield News-Leader has described as “a feisty grandmother who has trouble sitting still for very long”; and

Whereas, continuing her work at the grassroots level “where it’s easier to make a difference”, Bee Payne-Stewart brought the belief of being a good citizen into active reality when at the age of eighty-one she ran for state legislator of the 135th district in Springfield:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, stellar history of community-minded achievements garnered down through the years by Bee Payne-Stewart and to convey to her this legislative body’s most heartfelt accolades in light of her proven value as a citizen; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Bee Payne-Stewart of Springfield, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Sara Lampe
District No. 138

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1238, adopted March 14, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker